

The following comments, in order of their importance, are offered with respect to PY's paper, "CIA approach to the development of a national psychological strategy":

Part VI (Areas of Greatest Return in the Shortest Time, pp. 30-31):

In view of the fact that CIA capabilities are limited and communist vulnerabilities are few in the Near East, NE wishes to urge careful recon-

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In should be noted in passing, moreover, that the factors enumerated as reasons on pp. 30 and 31 are imprecise: e.g., although none of the Near Eastern governments is communist in character, the Kremlin has succeeded in establishing significant indigenous communist movements, particularly in Iran and India; the religious antipathy of the people towards communism is of minor importance in the light of the economic and social factors which favor the eventual extension of communism; the

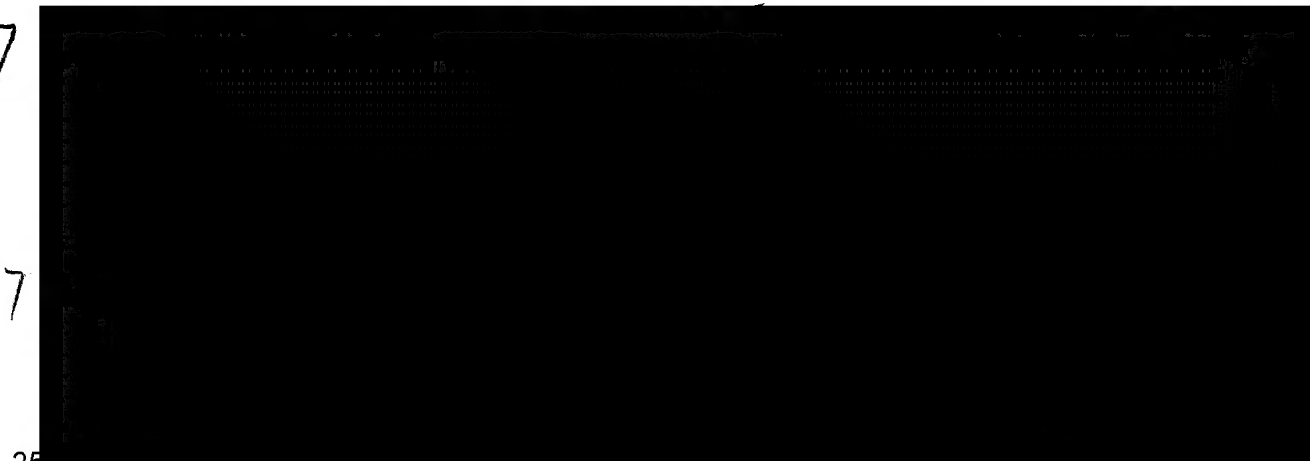
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"historical opposition" to Russian imperialism in the Near East is largely limited to only two countries, Turkey and Iran; etcetera.

Part IV, section 5 (Near East): It is suggested that a revision of this section in accordance with the following would more accurately reflect the realities of CIA capabilities:

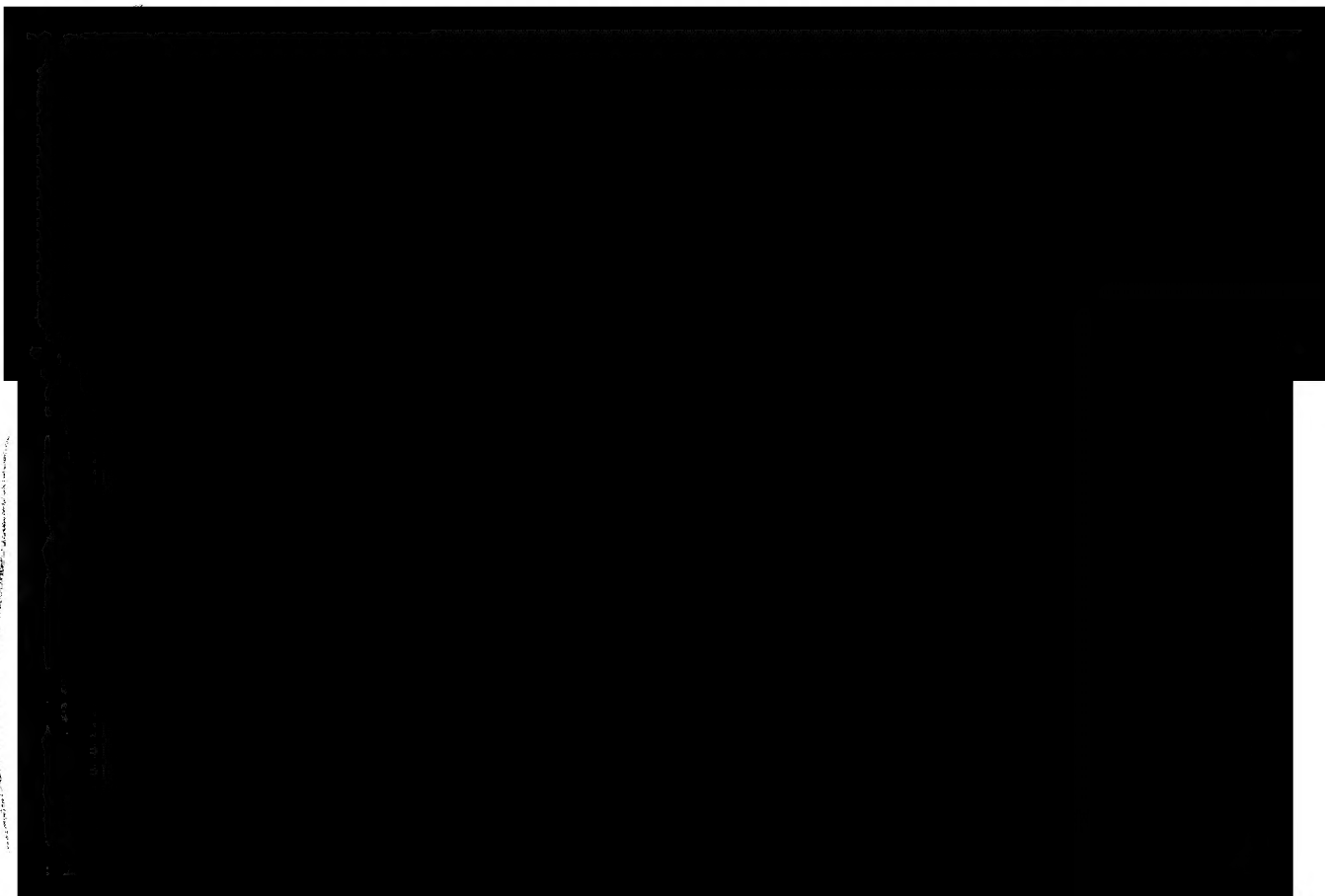
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capabilities, however, will depend upon the tempo of economic and political deterioration in Iran, which may well result in an extensive increase in communism's strength during the coming year.

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The proposed Mutual Security Program for the Near East, which may offer some hope of reducing the vulnerability of the area to attack, penetration, or internal disintegration, will enhance capabilities

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Section III.C (The principal tasks to orient the free world towards the United States:

It is suggested that the following revisions be made:

Change para. 3 to read "Support NATO and European unification programs and the proposed Middle East Command."

Change para. 4 to read "Orient the forces of nationalism towards US/UN aims if possible, and otherwise seek to channel the forces of nationalism in a direction less compatible with US aims."

Para. 5: After "South America", add "and the Near East".

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